

The Margaretta Township Trustees met on March 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Present were Mr. Pooch, Mr. Cullen and Mrs. Keegan. The pledge of allegiance was recited

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2026 meeting as presented by the Fiscal Officer Robert Day. Vote: all ayes

Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to approve and sign the warrants and EFTs submitted for payment by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to approve the financial reports submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Vote: all ayes

Sheriff Paul Sigsworth, Erie County Sheriff:

Sheriff Sigsworth attended for his annual visit with the Trustees and expressed his appreciation to the Road Department for their efforts during this stretch of bad weather. He also extended his thanks to Fire Captain Dean Gasser for his assistance in getting Epi Pens through a grant that allows all Sheriff Deputies to carry them.

Barbara Weyer, Village of Castalia:

Mrs. Weyer indicated she will be presenting the contract for Village maintenance to the Trustees at an upcoming meeting.

John Schaeffer, Township Resident:

Mark Stacy, Township Resident:

Mr. Schaeffer and Mr. Stacy were in attendance as observers.

Chris Schaeffer, Zoning Inspector:

Mr. Schaeffer was not in attendance.

Katie Maloney, Zoning Compliance Officer:

Mrs. Maloney was not in attendance.

Kerry Jett, Fire Chief:

Chief Jett discussed options for striping or wrapping the new pick-up truck. He introduced Cody Jarrett from ML Graphics to present and explain the quotes. The striping of the truck will cost \$3,200 and the wrapping of the truck has a cost of \$6,000. Mr. Jarrett is willing to waive his labor cost to bring the total cost down to \$4,000. The Trustees had previously requested the cost of the minimum requirements for markings on the truck. Those requirements were not presented. Fiscal Office Bob Day voiced concern of the excessive costs of outfitting the new truck and that the new levy was placed on the ballot last fall to cover contractual obligations (i.e. wages, insurance, equipment, etc...). Regardless of those concerns, Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to approve the wrapping of the truck with ML Graphics at a cost of \$4,000 and to accept a contribution from the Margaretta Township Firefighters Association of \$1,000 to reduce the total cost to \$3,000. Vote: Mr. Pooch – aye; Mrs. Keegan – aye; Mr. Cullen – no. Motion carried.

Chief Jett reported that MT#100 (2017 Ford Explorer) is being repaired at Lakeland Auto & Marine and is expected to be ready the week of 3/16/26.

Chief Jett provide a list of surplus items that included a 28' aluminum ladder, 2 CPAP machines, and 2 Life Pak Monitors. He requested to have these items declared as surplus to allow for disposal. Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to declare the listed items as surplus and be disposed of properly. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Pooch moved, seconded by Mrs. Keegan to accept the resignation of Lt. Mike Jesberger effective 3/17/2026 and that he remain in a non-paid status until that date. Vote: all ayes.

Mr. Pooch, on behalf of the Board, extended his appreciation to Lt. Rob Street for his life saving efforts on a Castalia resident at a Jr. High basketball game in Bellevue.

Bob Biglin, Road & Cemetery Departments:

Mr. Biglin reported that the Township will once again receive the Community Clean-up Grant of \$10,000 from Erie County to assist with the Township's Recycle Day for the disposal of tires, appliances, batteries, and paper shredding. Mr. Biglin presented a quote from Pavement Technologies of \$14,999.85 for putting Reclamite on Bardwell Road. That project will take place this summer.

Mr. Biglin discussed the issue of milling the roads scheduled for upcoming paving projects to avoid increasing the height of the roads and prevent flooding back to resident's yards/driveways. He will get pricing for those projects.

Mr. Biglin reported that spring cleanup in the cemetery has begun and will continue until mowing season.

Board Items:

The Board collectively discussed the issue of the upcoming Fire Chief's position and possible use of the Ohio Fire Chief's Association to secure candidates for the vacancy. Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to proceed with the contract with the Ohio Fire Chief's Association to pursue the filling of the Fire Chief vacancy and utilize the assessment center. Vote: all ayes.

Mrs. Keegan moved, seconded by Mr. Pooch to adjourn. Vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.


Chairperson


Fiscal Officer